



CANCER BURDEN

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,268,000 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, including 21,700 in Louisiana.
- 553,400 cancer deaths will occur in the United States, including 9,500 in Louisiana.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rate for cancer deaths per 100,000 persons²

Louisiana: 191.9 **National:** 168.3

Louisiana ranks 2nd highest overall in cancer mortality rates among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

LUNG CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 2,900 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Louisiana.
- 2,700 men and women will die of lung cancer in Louisiana.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for lung cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Louisiana	National
Overall	58.4	48.7
White	56.1	48.5
Black	66.4	58.4
Hispanic	17.1	19.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	15.9	23.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	32.7	30.6

BREAST CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 3,300 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in Louisiana.
- 700 women will die of breast cancer in Louisiana.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for breast cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Louisiana	National
Overall	25.6	24.2
White	23.4	23.8
Black	31.7	30.9
Hispanic	11.6	14.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	11.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	12.5

COLORECTAL CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 2,400 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Louisiana.
- 1,000 men and women will die of colorectal cancer in Louisiana.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Louisiana	National
Overall	18.5	16.9
White	17.0	16.4
Black	23.5	22.6
Hispanic	7.9	10.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	10.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	10.8

PROSTATE CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 3,500 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed among men in Louisiana.
- 600 men will die of prostate cancer in Louisiana.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for prostate cancer deaths per 100,000 men, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Louisiana	National
Overall	29.2	23.7
White	22.6	21.7
Black	51.5	52.1
Hispanic	11.4	15.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	9.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	13.4

¹ Source: American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2001. Estimates exclude more than a million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ cancers, except urinary bladder, that will be diagnosed in 2001. Lung cancer rates include bronchus cancer. State death totals were rounded to nearest 100.

² Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1993–1997.

³ Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1994–1998.

⁴ Some data were excluded because there were 75,000 or fewer persons in the denominator or 20 or fewer deaths in the numerator.